

NAVY DECLASSIFICATION/RELEASE INSTRUCTION  
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1953 BAREX PORT AND BEACH INFORMATION

1. Name of port McMehan Bay, BARRELL St Lawrence Island

2. Name of vessel BBB 7-LST 618

3. Navigational Information:

a. Approach - general description Course 195° South by West by half West

(1) Channel Open roadstead

(2) Markings No navigational markings

(3) Minimum Depths 6 - 30 feet from beach. Beached LST

(4) Obstructions, artificial and natural None, clear approach to landing site.

b. Tides and Currents 3/4 tide at 1400 on 26 June; 1 knot current in easterly direction.

c. Pilotage - how obtained - rates None.

d. Anchorage -- general description Good anchorage 1/2 mile, 8 fathoms, off of beach. Located between Northwest Cape and Cape Shilukuk.

e. Weather: Southwesterly 12 to 25 knots.

Ice Data - Break-up and freeze-up dates None observed

4. Port and Landing Facilities:

a. Tugs or barges - where available - rates None

b. Docking facilities - boat landings, etc. None Beached LST

(1) Storage None

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Local means available Native Village, approx. 250 pop. 1 mile

from beaching site. Army camp 1/2 mile from beaching site.

(3) Transportation - local means available Native skinboats.

Army equipment at camp, vehicles, skis, 2 donkeys (DG6 and DG7)

4. Beaches:

If landing beaches are in area, give details on "Beach Intelligence" form and attach to this report.

5. Supplies:

a. Water None

b. Fuel None

c. Provisions None

d. Construction Materials None

6. Communications Army and CAA

7. Aircraft Landing Sites - or potential ones which could be prepared with little effort. Note lakes of sufficient size and depth for seaplane operation in summer and for ice strip in winter.

Lake 1/2 mile from site. North and South 1.7 miles. West and East .5 miles.

8. Population: White Army & CAA Nekimo approx 250.

9. Additional Remarks:

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